

(02-05-15 Special Called Meeting)

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 8:00 A.M.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Chandler, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Lewis, and Commissioner Riddick.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; City of Starke Officials: Ricky Thompson, Clerk, Mayor Travis Woods, and Vice-Mayor Tommy Chastain; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; and Sherie Jewett, Administrative Assistant. (Prior to the meeting being called to order, and announced during the meeting, the Board was advised that Clerk Norman, who was attending Winter Conference, was listening in via speakerphone.)

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES BILLING AND COLLECTIONS**

- **\$150,000 Per Year**
- **2% Annual Increase for Inflation**
- **Termination Without Cause Upon 180 Days Notice**

Mr. Sexton advised that during the mid-month meeting in January, the Commission discussed the possibility of having a Special Meeting to consider this agreement to comply with Alachua County's Commission meeting timeline. Late Tuesday afternoon, Alachua County sent a version of the agreement that was virtually identical to the version sent to them late last week. The key provisions are outlined above. There are also two key accountable pieces: (1) That they bill every patient care report sent to them in a timely fashion, (2) Audit terms recommended by the County Auditor. Staff is pleased with the agreement. The proposed billing arrangement should be up and running by April 1.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented.***

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BILLING AND COLLECTIONS (This is a HIPPA requirement and accompanies the Interlocal Agreement)**

Mr. Sexton presented the Business Associate Agreement for consideration. Alachua County would like to present this agreement to their Board at the same time they present the Interlocal Agreement approved above. The agreement is a requirement of Federal HIPPA regulations.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Business Associate Agreement as presented.***

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OVERPASS ROUTE PROPOSAL-- JORDAN GREEN, Rural Transportation Development Engineer, STEPHEN BROWNING, Project Manager.**

Mr. Carter advised that yesterday, staff met with Mr. Green, Mr. Browning, Sheriff Smith, and Allen Parrish to discuss the overpass route options. FDOT has secured funding for this project, and have asked that the County tentatively agree on a route.

Mr. Green advised that funding is in place, design is programmed for the next fiscal, R.O.W. acquisition is programmed in FY2018, and construction programmed in 2020.

Mr. Browning reviewed the route alternatives discussed in yesterday's meeting:

- SE 144th Ave.
- Market Road
- Laura Street
- SR100 (FDOT would maintain)
- SR16 (FDOT would maintain)

Mr. Browning advised that Emergency Medical Services prefers the SR100 alternative, as it provides the most direct connection to the hospital. This route will result in the relocation of three (3) businesses and four (4) homes.

Discussion ensued. (The SE 144th Ave. and Market Road alternatives were eliminated as options.)

Mr. Browning and Mr. Green advised that a public hearing would be held some time in April/May. Incited by inquiry of the County Engineer, Mr. Green advised that a preliminary profile would be available at the April/May public hearing.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

City Clerk Thompson advised that he presented a proposed agenda to Mr. Carter for a workshop between the City and the County, and he would like the Board to consider a date for a workshop.

Ms. Rhoden advised that she would get with the Commissioners individually to establish a date and then contact Mr. Thompson.

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**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**\_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD**

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

**Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.**